

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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LIMDIS FOR CHARGE FROM HARROP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP

SUBJECT: NEW AMBASSADOR

REF: ADDIS ABABA 988

1. AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW BY NOW, MARCH 6 EDITION OF  
NEWSWEEK CONTAINS FOLLOWING PERISCOPE ARTICLE:

BEGIN TEXT: "TOUGH U.S. AMBASSADOR": FREDERIC LINCOLN  
CHAPIN, 48, A STATE DEPARTMENT CAREER MAN, IS THE  
ADMINISTRATION'S CHOICE AS AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA -- A  
LONG-OPEN POST THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO FILL WITH A STRONG  
REPRESENTATIVE IN HOPE OF KEEPING ETHIOPIA'S MARXIST  
REGIME FROM FALLING COMPLETELY UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION.  
CHAPIN IS DESCRIBED BY ONE ADMINISTRATION SOURCE AS  
"A TOUGH GUY." END TEXT.

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2. WE REGRET THIS SERIOUS LEAK HAS OCCURRED. IF EPMG  
RAISES MATTER, YOU MAY EXPRESS USG REGRET AND NOTE THAT  
WE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED NEWSWEEK ARTICLE.

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## Message Attributes

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